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Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)(2), i.e., after a first Office Action on the merits but before Notice of Allowance, along with the fee provided in 37 CFR §1.17(p).

Attached are copies of one Japanese patent publication with abstract, one U.S. patent document, a European Search Report mailed April 12, 2002, whose relevance may be gleaned from the documents themselves, and a Form PTO-1449 listing the patent documents submitted herewith.

Consideration of the submitted documents is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted.

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